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EVERY PERSON TO ASSIST.

POST ISSUES GENERAL ORDER

Home Guards, the Schools, and Citizens Generally to Assist. Exercises Will Be Impressive. Honor Boys Who Wore the Blue.

Memorial day is fast approaching. It seems as though the day should mean just a little more this year than ever before. Our country is at war. Troops are recruiting, and war preparations are under way everywhere. It is a sad thought to contemplate, but it is not at all improbable that by the time another Memorial day shall roll around some of those who will assist the veterans in proper observance of the day this year, will also be numbered among the nations honored dead in that "silent city." It would seem eminently fitting then, this year if never before, that every citizen, man, woman and child in the land should join together on Memorial day to commemorate the valorous deeds of that brave and mighty army, and to pay tribute to those who so gallantly gave up their lives for the preservation of the Union. Their footsteps are growing feeble and their ranks are sadly depleted, but while there is a single one left of that magnificent army, let us meet with them on Memorial day to do them honor, and to show to them and the world, our deep sense of appreciation. Let us show to them that our hearts beat just as loyal, and that we are just as ready to make the sacrifice as were they in the days of '61.

Following is the general order for the observance of the day.

HEADQUARTERS BROADHEAD
POST NO. 31 G. A. R.
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.
MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

On Sunday morning, May 27th, at 10:30 a. m. the Post will assemble at Memorial hall, and accompanied by Broadhead Relief Corps will march to the M. E. Church and attend divine service to be conducted by Rev. A. O. Carmen.

On Memorial Day, May 30th, at 9 a. m. the Post will assemble at Memorial Hall and at 9:30 a. m. will proceed to the Water Works, accompanied by the W. R. C., Paw Paw Home Guards, Firemen, School Children and citizens generally, where the usual services in commemoration of our naval heroes will be conducted by the W. R. C.

The Post will proceed to Prospect Hill Cemetery where the usual ceremonies will be held at the grave of our late comrade, Edson Woodman. At 1:30 p. m. the Post will assemble at Memorial Hall and march to the Opera House where an appropriate musical and literary program, including an address by Rev. E. W. Smith, will be rendered. Citizens generally are requested to join in celebrating this Memorial Day.

By order of the Post Commander.
Wm. Killefer,
Adjutant.

LOCAL TEAM IS SERIOUS CONTENDER FOR PENNANT.

The Paw Paw High school Base ball team are beginning to compell not only the citizens of their home town, but base ball fans about the county to sit up and take notice. They went to Lawrence last Friday and took the formerly invincible Lawrence team into camp by a score of 11 to 0. Then again on Wednesday of this week, The Kalamazoo Normal team went down to defeat on the local grounds by a score of 7 to 6. The boys have won every game with the exception of one defeat at Allegan. The feature of the game here Wednesday was a three bagger by Douglas Hindenach with the bases full. The team begins to loom up as a serious contender for the pennant this year. Wake up, Paw Paw and give the boys a little encouragement. Let's bring the pennant back where it belongs this year.

V. R. HUNGERFORD OFFERED CITY SCHOOLS OF PT. HURON.

V. R. Hungerford was home from Wisconsin to spend the week end with his family. He likes the new work very much and expects to move his family to some point in that state after the close of the present school year. The superintendency of the city schools at Port Huron has been tendered to him, and he may accept the position. It is a splendid position in schools of seven hundred pupils and twenty-five teachers. It came entirely unsolicited, and speaks volumes for his standing in the state as an educator, whether he decides to accept or not.

NEW MOVIE HOUSE WORTHY OF INCREASED PATRONAGE.

The Main Street Idle Hour Theatre is fast nearing completion. When finished it will be one of the most complete and commodious places of amusement in the county. It is probable that the place will open next week. In the meantime the new management is putting on a program every night at the Opera House. The films are furnished by the Universal Film company, one of the best in the business. The programs are excellent and good crowds are greeting the new management every night. Every citizen in the community should boost for the Movie House and give the management all the encouragement possible by increased patronage. The new owners have come to stay. They are doing their best to give the people of Paw Paw and vicinity a good clean up-to-date place of amusement. We should have one such place of entertainment in the village, and it is up to us to give the encouragement it merits. Boost for the Movies.

RETIRING MAIL CARRIER GIVEN FINE TESTIMONIAL.

John A. Young who retired from mail service route. No. 5 from the Paw Paw office after a service of twelve years was given a fine testimonial of the esteem in which he is held by the patrons on his route. Mr. Young desires to express through these columns his deep appreciation of the spirit which prompted the gift. He will leave with his family in a few days for his home in the South, and the pleasant memories of his service on Route No. 5, and the consideration and kindness always shown him by his patrons will always remain one of the bright spots to cheer him on the way in his new home.

MRS. SARAH CLAPP PASSED AWAY. ILLNESS OF BUT 4 DAYS

Mrs. Sarah Clapp, one of Paw Paw's most highly respected ladies died last Sunday morning after a brief illness. She was in her usual good health and spirits up to within four days of her death, when a hard cold resulted in a serious and fatal case of pneumonia. Her maiden name was Sarah Adeline Thorndyke, and she was born in Camden, Maine on July 20th, 1844, where she grew to young womanhood. About thirty-two years ago she was united in marriage with John T. Clapp since which time she has been a resident of Paw Paw. She was a woman loved and esteemed by everybody. Her home was her delight, and she took great pride in caring for the lawns and flowers. She will be greatly missed in her immediate neighborhood and by the community at large. She leaves a sister, Mrs. Mary A. Jones of Paw Paw, a niece Mrs. Belle Slattery of Kansas City, Mo., and a nephew, Ralph Jones of Chicago, besides many more distant relatives. Funeral services were held from the late home on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. E. W. Smith officiating. Interment was at Prospect cemetery.

Mark Chaffee, Lynn H. Lake and Robert Dillon all received orders Thursday morning from the War Department to report at once at Fort Sheridan, Illinois where they have been accepted for entrance to the Officers Military Training camp.

Rev. I. P. Bates sent word from the Hospital Sanitarium where he is still taking treatment, thanking his many Paw Paw friends for their flowers and many tokens of friendship received during his illness. He adds that he is improving in health and expects to return home in a short time.

Home Guard Ready ...For Muster...

LOCAL COMPANY OF VOLUNTEERS TO BE A
UNIT IN THE MICHIGAN STATE TROOPS.

True to its traditions of the past, Paw Paw is among the first to enlist for service to its state and nation in time of need. The "Home Guard" company, the first to be organized in southwestern Michigan, has been drilling faithfully semi-weekly since organization, and last Tuesday night, acting under the instructions of Major R. C. Vandercok of the War Preparedness Board, preliminary steps were taken for muster into the Michigan State Troops.

These state troops will be organized under the order of Governor Albert E. Sleeper, who has ordered an army of 50,000 men, the official units of which will be known as "Home Guards." They will be mustered in and governed by regulations which govern the National Guard. Weekly drills will be obligatory, and the same strict discipline maintained as in the regular army. The purpose of such an army is to take the place of the Michigan National Guard, when they shall leave the state for active service at the front. They will be subject to the orders of the Governor in case of emergency or at any time or place the presence of troops may be required within the borders of the state.

The period of enlistment is for three years and the troops will be recruited largely from those who are not eligible at this time for service in the regular army. There is no age limit, and no rigid physical examination will be required. Reasonable physical fitness however is required, and each man enlisted will be examined by an officer of the regular army who will certify to such examination upon the enlistment blank. Service in the Michigan State Troops will not obligate anyone to Federal service, neither will it exempt therefrom. Several from the local company will enter the officers training camp at Fort Sheridan. Some will enlist in the regulars, and others will be drafted, but enough will be mustered in so that Paw Paw will have at least a full company of fifty men at all times, drilled to the minute and ready for service at the Governor's orders. Officers of the company will receive commissions signed by the Governor, subordinate officers will receive warrants. Service in the company for drills will be without pay, but troops placed on actual duty will receive the pay prescribed by law. Uniforms and equipment are not available at present, but it is expected that the same will be provided soon.

Fifty-five signed enlistment blanks at the meeting Tuesday. The Adjutant General of the war department has been notified that the company is ready, and a regular army officer will be sent here, probably within the next ten days for muster into the service.

Some do not realize it yet, but a grave responsibility rests upon the shoulders of every citizen in this war. If there was ever a time in the history of our nation, when every one must do his full duty, show his loyalty and patriotism it is now. Everyone must be ready and willing to make any sacrifice no matter what it may be. Those who are not eligible for active duty at the front, must be just as ready to do their part in whatever capacity they may be qualified and needed. The Michigan State Troops are needed. The Governor has ordered it and it is fully expected that by the time the officer comes to Paw Paw to muster the company in, fully one hundred men will have signed up and be ready.

Following is the list of those who have already signed. If your name is not there and you desire to enlist in the Paw Paw Home Guard, blanks may be obtained from any one of the officers, or at The True Northerner office. Enlistment is not confined to the village alone. Men in the surrounding country are wanted and those in the villages adjacent to Paw Paw will be welcome if they will meet the requirements relative to drills. Every member will be notified of the date when the mustering officer will be here, and it is desired that there may be as large an enlistment as possible prior to that time. Don't put it off.

Following is the roll to date:—

Mark Chaffee
Bennett McKinstry
Frank L. Miller
Kirke F. Harrington
William E. Nichols
Neil Prater
Neil C. Engels
Fred B. Mau
Lynn H. Lake
Frank N. Wakeman
D. E. Maguire
A. L. Hawley
Glenn Munson
Roy L. Harrington
C. E. Roundy
E. R. Laverty
J. A. Reidl
Chester Baugher
Lynn H. Salisbury
Leo E. Prater
Ward Salisbury
Horace H. Adams
Henry G. Smith
Alva Rowlee
Charles F. Perkins
Jay L. Dodge
Lewis Nash

Earl L. Burhans
Charles Sheldon
Clyde Burhans
Royal E. Decker
Louis Dorstewitz
Lawrence F. Johnson
J. N. Hirlman
A. N. Cole
Glenn E. Warner
William H. Howe
Paul H. Smith
Ivan B. Shull
Fred W. Sowle
Henry N. Long
Leon L. Douglas
Harry Wilson
Merle H. Young
Leon L. Jacobs
Robert L. Dillon
H. Mumbroe
D. V. Purington
Lou Danger
E. V. Root
D. A. Beebe
Dwight C. Barker
L. V. Labadie
Lyle C. Grice

SPEND YOUR VACATION AT GRENNELL'S THREE MILE LAKE

M. J. Grenell will manage the popular "Breezy Point" Resort, formerly known as "North's resort" at Three Mile lake again this season. This is one of the finest resorts in the county. The fishing is always good, the conditions and surroundings ideal, and everything combines to make this the beauty spot of the country for a summer outing. Liberal space in this issue sets forth some of the features and advantages of this resort. If you plan a real enjoyable vacation this summer, you can do no better than see Mr. Grenell for a reservation at Three Mile Lake.

ONE CARTRIDGE TO END OWN LIFE RATHER THAN CAPTURE.

Following is a portion of a letter received by E. F. Parks from Guy Griffin, a Paw Paw boy now in the U. S. Navy:—I am on the Finland, an armed Merchantman of the White Star Line from New York to Liverpool and London. We leave New York for Liverpool at four o'clock today, it is three now. There are twenty-two of us in the crew, and we carry four 4 inch guns. I am gun captain on one as I was of the 5 inch gun on the Delaware. We carry a rich cargo, so if the German Submarines get us, it will be worth their time. Also if they capture us they will line us up and shoot. Our orders are to save one cartridge to shoot ourselves with before we would submit to being taken prisoner. Well if you read of the Finland going down, I guess we would all go with her.

MEMBERS OF HIGH SCHOOL BAND EXPRESS GRATITUDE.

The High School Band wishes to express through these columns, its appreciation to the people of Paw Paw for the manner in which they have responded to our appeal for support of the Wednesday night band concerts. Merchants, business men, professional men and others have helped thus far to the extent of about thirty dollars for each concert.

The following have contributed but there are others whom we have not yet approached, but who will gladly do their share we are sure.

Paw Paw Drug Company
John McFarland
C. R. Pugsley
O'Grady Bros. Company
Mrs. J. D. Salls
The True Northerner
Maple City Store
George Jackson M. D.
E. R. Laverty
R. L. Tuttle
W. A. Young
G. E. Chappel
W. J. Warner
Eaton & Mosier
C. C. Chappel
Glenn Warner
Judge Killefer
R. W. Broughton
A. O. Duncombe
Wm. H. Howe
L. E. Griffith
Lake & Son
Miss A. M. Lupnitz
B. L. Sowle
Paw Paw Garage
W. A. Weatherwax
W. R. Sellick
H. C. Waters
H. W. Showerman
Longwell Bros.
F. R. Avery
W. G. Epley
Frank Drew
M. L. Decker
Free Press & Courier
David Anderson
Dr. Gilkey
First National Bank
Paw Paw Savings Bank
Miss E. H. Taylor
Free, Mutchler & Company
Wilbur F. Hoyt M. D.

We would like to make it known that amounts however small, will be acceptable for each concert, and that contributions be sent either to the director or to the band treasurer, Harold Hathaway.

Thanking you for this and past courtesies, I remain

Very truly yours
Harry Gottheimer
Director

Mrs. Charles Lake had a birthday last week. Some ladies have no birthdays, but she had one that will remain one of the bright spots along life's pathway. The Royal Neighbors of which she is a member surprised her, and made the day a memorable one.

COUNTY READY FOR SELECTIVE DRAFT

SHERIFF BEATTIE, COUNTY
CLERK DECKER AND DR. J. R.
GIFIN COMPOSE VAN BUREN
COUNTY BOARD.

SHERIFF DISTRIBUTES CARDS

Enrollment Blanks and Complete Instructions Have Been Placed in the Hands of all Supervisors.

Michigan is now organized with all the preliminary steps taken to carry out the provisions of the selective conscription law. The Governor has issued instructions to all Sheriffs and it is anticipated that within ten days from the time the President makes his proclamation there will be a complete enrollment in the state.

The Van Buren county Board whose duty it will be to have charge of the registration and draft in this county is composed of Sheriff Gladstone R. Beattie, County Clerk Royal E. Decker and Dr. John R. Giffin of Bangor. The Board held a meeting in Paw Paw to arrange preliminaries the first of this week, and on Wednesday, the Sheriff placed the requisite number of registration cards with complete instructions in the hands of the various supervisors in the county.

The Selective Conscription bill has passed both houses of Congress, but some features of the bill have been in the hands of a conference for a week and no adjustment or compromise has as yet been reached. The points in discussion are "The Roosevelt Volunteer" clause and the "Age Limit" for draft. The Senate would give Roosevelt power to raise a volunteer division for service in France, while the House is opposed. The House would make the age limits for conscription from twenty-one to forty while the Senate wants twenty-seven years the maximum limit. It is probable that the bill will have to be sent back for further discussion before an agreement can be reached. Everything is ready however so that the enrollment and subsequent draft can proceed immediately and without delay, just as soon as an agreement is reached and the proclamation is made by the President.

COUNTY "STARS" SHINE IN SISTER VILLAGE LAWRENCE.

The Van Buren County Association O. E. S. assembled in Lawrence on Tuesday of this week, with over three hundred members of the order in attendance. Sister Frances Chapman of Lawrence, president of the association presided in a most capable and charming manner. Sister Agnes Rich of Lawrence in a fine address extended a welcome and the hospitality of the village to the guests, and Sister Lena Rawson of Decatur graciously responded. The Memorial service, in memory of our departed ones was given with much feeling by Sister Jennie Rowley of Lawrence, beautiful and impressive solos being rendered by Sister Thompson of Lawrence and Sister Freestone of Bangor.

A sumptuous dinner was served in the parlors of the M. E. church which were beautifully and appropriately decorated with American flags and cut flowers. Sister Emma Ocock of Hartford Right Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter of the World, Sister Emma Lyons of Hillsdale, Past Grand Matron of Michigan, Sister Lucile Dyckman of South Haven, Grand Ruth as well as other Past Grand officers, Sisters Zuber of Hartford, Rawson of Decatur, Wakeman of Paw Paw with the Grand Representative from Illinois with short talks added their bit to the enjoyment of the day. It was one of the largest and most enjoyable meetings in the history of the association, and it was nearly six o'clock when all left for their respective homes, much benefited and loud in their praise of the members of Lawrence chapter as ideal entertainers.

Julius M. Clapp of New York City, John Clapp of Traverse City and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones of Chicago were here on Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Clapp.